

Good afternoon Senators Larson and Kelly and Representative Scanlon and members of the Insurance Committee

My name is Ted Gutelius. I was an officer on a nuclear submarine and president of a mortgage bank. I currently help small companies with strategy, marketing and finance. We live in Madison.

I am here in support House Bill 5963 and to demonstrate why it is important to clarify and consider the coverage of religious nonmedical providers which in my case would be Christian Science Practitioners.

We rely on Christian Science because we have found that it is effective. We have been healed quickly and we feel it helped prevent sickness. A few years ago, I awoke with such a horrible toothache that I was practically in tears. My face had swollen. I called a Christian Science Practitioner to pray with me and support my understanding that God was my protector and preserver. Within a short time the pain was gone.

When I arrived at the dentist that morning, he looked at my face and couldn't believe I had no pain. He removed the infected tooth and asked for information about Christian Science.

Thank-you for this opportunity to support House Bill 5963.